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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION NUMBER 02 (FINAL)  
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**Introductory Comments**

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 6, 2004, having a statutory period for response of six months as provided in 35 U.S.C. § 133 reduced by the Commissioner to three

months as provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, a time set to expire on August 6, 2004, Applicant filed a Reply in connection with the above-captioned patent application (“Application”).

The Examiner entered an advisory action dated June 30, 2004, noting the Listing of Claims did not include the parenthetical statement “cancelled” immediately after claim number 23, although all other subsequent claims did include the parenthetical statement. Accordingly, the sole purpose of this Reply is to amend the Listing of Claims to insert the appropriate parenthetical statement “cancelled” immediately after claim number 23.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees in connection with this paper, and to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 501565 for the Law Office of Ray R. Regan, P.A.

No new matter has been added to the application because of any action taken in this Reply.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments of the Applicant begin on page 9 of this paper.